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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**INDIANAPOLIS MAN SENTENCED FOR
FEDERAL CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CRIMES**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, and John C. Richter, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, announced that SHAWN L. GRIDER, a 40-year-old resident of Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced today to 97 months in prison by Chief U.S. District Court Judge Larry J. McKinney, after previously pleading guilty to child pornography charges.

On March 18, 2005, GRIDER pled guilty to sixteen counts of receiving images of child pornography and one count of possessing child pornography. The case arose after GRIDER was identified in connection with an internet website that provided members access, or links, to other websites containing child pornography. The United States Postal Service Inspection Service led the investigation, which included an undercover operation in which GRIDER

solicited videos containing child pornography via the internet and then received the videos through the US mail from undercover agents.

During his plea, GRIDER admitted that he had solicited the videos containing child pornography from an internet website, and also had downloaded images containing child pornography from various websites to his personal computer. GRIDER further admitted that all of the videos and images had been produced through the use of actual minors, including some prepubescent minors, engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Steven D. DeBrotta for the District of Southern Indiana and Trial Attorney Steve Grocki of the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section at the Department of Justice. Judge McKinney also sentenced GRIDER to three years supervised release upon his release from prison.

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